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From: Yogi, David
Sent: Tue 8/18/2015 7:07:52 PM
Subject: FW: For Your Urgent Review: Draft Statement on Yesterday's Personnel Incident

Will let you know as soon as I hear back. Kelly is going to meet Enrique now to discuss. Thanks.

From: Yogi, David
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Kelly Zito
Cc: Calanog, Steve; Moxley, Bret; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Tenley, Clancy
Subject: For Your Urgent Review: Draft Statement on Yesterday's Personnel Incident
Importance: High

Thanks, Bret!

Enrique and Kelly: Please review ASAP to see if this looks okay on your end. We'll have to have the EOC sign off on this bf our 2pm MDT call so we can relay to Congressionals, if asked.

Thanks,

David

From: Moxley, Bret
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Yogi, David
Cc: Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Calanog, Steve
Subject: Re: For Your Urgent Review: Draft Statement on Yesterday's Personnel Incident

This looks accurate to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 12:17 PM, Yogi, David <Yogi.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Bret,

We were hoping to run this through the EOC so we'd have an approved statement if we receive any inquiries. Would you please review for accuracy ASAP so I can route for review? Thanks.

The morning of August 17, one U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) employee, four EPA contractors, and two Coast Guard members inspecting water tanks providing livestock water for Navajo Nation community members impacted by San Juan River closure on the Navajo Nation were physically threatened by a community member in Shiprock, N.M.

The community member threatening personnel expressed dissatisfaction of the livestock water provided to residents.

In a separate incident later that day, two EPA employees sampling San Juan River water were physically threatened by the same community member and two other individuals who expressed dissatisfaction over the same topic.

As a safety precaution, EPA immediately recalled all employees from field activities in the Shiprock area and notified the Navajo Nation police.

Until this issue is resolved with local authorities, EPA has temporarily discontinued water distribution activities in the Shiprock area.

The Navajo Nation had issued a precautionary notice requesting residents refrain from using the San Juan River given the recent Gold King Mine release.

- David

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